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Local News.

We publish the report of the City Schools in another column.

A shower of rain fell Monday night but cleared off Tuesday morning.

W. J. Woodard went over to Plains last Friday night to look after some carpenter work.

Mr. Callendar is having his blacksmith shop painted which will greatly improve the appearance of the same.

Mr. Edmonds was up last Friday night to the Republican meeting and also to meet his wife who had come from the east.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Ivers were in town Monday. They are getting ready for their trip to Ohio after we elect Bryan, so Mr. Ivers says.

Mr. A. B. Reeves, of Dodge City, called on us Tuesday and discussed politics and the general outlook. He left Wednesday for Dodge City.

J. W. Davis, of Greensburg, addressed a small audience at the city last Friday night. Mr. Davis is the Republican candidate for representative in Kiowa county.

Rev. Robinson and Miss Winnie Bonham left Monday for McPherson where they will attend the meeting of the Baptist Association which convenes in that city this week.

Will Lewis Jr., John and Elmer Beatty are here attending court. It was reported that they had left the country to escape trial but their presence now removes these rumors.

Miss Doll Follick returned last Saturday from Cline, Ok., where she had been teaching school but was compelled to return home on account of the sickness of Mrs. Follick.

Rev. Robinson has accepted a call from the Baptist church at this place and will shortly move his family to this city. We will gladly welcome Rev. Robinson and family to our city and shall feel that we have made a very valuable acquisition to our community.

S. D. Adams returned from Seward county Saturday.

Judge Madison arrived Monday night and promptly opened court Tuesday morning.

R. P. Smith and wife went to Wichita last Tuesday morning to visit for several days.

Geo. B. Cones went to Lawrence Monday to visit his mother and other members of the family who will be there.

Ed Aker was over from Plains last week on business. He went to Kansas City the first of the week with a load of cattle.

John C. Fry, of Larned, came in Monday night on business. John is still receiver of the defunct First National bank of this place.

Among the attorneys present at court Tuesday were Judge Wall, of Wichita, A. B. Reeves and Thos. Scates of Dodge City, Mr. Clark of Topeka.

Mrs. A. M. Willoughby, of Greensburg, Indiana, arrived Monday evening to see her sister, Mrs. Len Follick who is very ill at her home in this city.

Virgil Mendenhall came in from Haviland Friday and remained a few days among his old friends and acquaintances. He is still selling clothing. He left Monday for his home.

W. W. Beatty Sr. is here from Jasper Mo., attending court and looking after other business interests. Mr. Beatty was formerly County Commissioner from the 1st district of Meade county.

Sheriff Judd appointed several deputies Tuesday to subpoena jurors for the Beatty and Lewis cases. J. I. Stamper, Elmer Rosenberry, Tom Hotz, Claud Leach and Chas. Feldman were sworn in to summon the jury.

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Judge Selvidge was attacked with rheumatism last Saturday which caused him to use a couple of walking sticks. He is better at present.

LOST—Somewhere on the streets of Meade a gold watch charm with a pearl set. Reward to finder. W. C. OSGOOD JR.

The Bryan Club will meet at the City Hall Saturday night. Every member in invited. Persons who are not members are invited to sign the roll.

Mr. F. Sourbeer left us some very fine sweet potatoes last week, for which he has our thanks. Mr. Sourbeer has a large amount of vegetables every year.

Miss Zada Black is now Deputy in the County Treasurer's office with her father. Miss Zada will faithfully discharge all the duties that may be intrusted to her.

Miss Annie Buelah Marshall has our thanks for a beautiful bouquet which she brought to this office Wednesday morning. It will ornament our desk and cause us to remember the kindness of this little lady.

Several carloads of cattle were shipped from Meade Monday. Orr had a load and Judy, of Beaver Co. had a car or two. Mr. Reeves also shipped several loads which he had purchased from the Schmoker boys.

Parties wishing a pair of tailor made to order pants call at B. S. McMeel's, as Mr. C. W. Sharp, representing the Topeka Woolen Mills, will take orders from about the 15th to 20th. Every thread all wool. Price, \$4.00.

Mr. Ray Millman, editor of the Liberal News, was married at Leoti, Kansas, last week and went through Meade last Friday on their way to Liberal. THE NEWS extends congratulations and wishes the brother much joy and happiness.

Prof. C. P. Dawson, of our city schools, has been granted a Normal Conductor's certificate by the State Board of Education. Prof. Dawson is giving excellent satisfaction in the school work and is universally liked by all the scholars.

The band boys are preparing the building south of this office for a band room. The boys are taking a great interest in the band and will soon have one of the best in the southwest. They contemplate giving a concert in the near future.

W. A. Rhodes, of Garden City, was in this city and vicinity last week delivering the book "A Beautiful Life", for which he received a large number of orders. Mr. Rhodes informed us that he would shortly go on the road in the employ of the J. H. Moore & Co.

Dr. J. P. Sutton, a veterinary surgeon, is in the city for a short time. He can be found at Adams' livery barn. His home is Denver, Colo., and he has been at the business for about 40 years and has already done considerable work here and we are advised that it has given entire satisfaction.

The Bryan Club held their regular meeting last Saturday night and were entertained by the Glee Club and also by short talks by the members. After the meeting nearly all the members went to Gray's Place and indulged in "winney-worst" which arrived on the evening train. We hope the above will relieve the pain of several of the Republican brethren.

The District Court.

District Court convened Tuesday morning with Judge Madison on the bench. The docket was called and the cases set for trial or disposed of. The cases against Geo. W. Wiley were continued until the next term of court.

The case of the State vs Will Colgan was continued by agreement.

Joseph E. Blow vs. Ida M. Blow for divorce was granted.

The case of Luellen Edwards vs. William T. Edwards for divorce, a decree was granted plaintiff.

The case of May Beatty vs. W. W. Beatty for divorce was dismissed, neither party appearing.

The case of State of Kansas vs. John Beatty and W. H. Lewis came up for trial Tuesday. Co. Atty. Bodle was assisted by Messrs. Allen, Griggs and Painter in the prosecution, and Judge Wall and Thos. Scates conducted the defense. The case went to the jury Wednesday night about 11 o'clock and the jury reached a verdict of not guilty early Thursday morning. This case was for the larceny of an animal belonging to Wm. T. Miles. Jess Lanam was the prosecuting witness.

The case of State of Kansas vs. Elmer Beatty on a similar charge was continued.

Court adjourned Thursday morning.

If Frank Davis was elected Co. Attorney he would probably try to be attorney for Wiley and attorney for the State also. He would probably consider it a business proposition.

The speaking at the hall Tuesday night was quite well attended by all parties. The Glee Club and the band furnished the music and a vote of thanks was extended to them for their services. Mr. Brown, of Pratt, was introduced by Dr. Fee and spoke chiefly on state issues. He was followed by Mr. Humbarger who discussed school matters and finally got onto the paramount issue. Mr. Reeves was introduced and made a few remarks on trusts and imperialism, after which the meeting adjourned.

A few Republicans around here have been having considerable to say about the band meeting political speakers at the train that we feel called upon to make a few remarks. This band is a non-political organization and is at the service of anyone who desires its services and pays them. The Democrats and Populists have secured the band upon two occasions and the funds in the treasury was increased about \$10. We hope our friends now understand how to get the band. We never go where we are not asked.

In another column will be found a letter from S. G. Russell, who is in the Philippine Islands. The letter clearly indicates his estimate of the value of the islands where he says that the two soldiers they lost were worth the whole islands and all the inhabitants. Everyone in Meade knows Sam Russell as an intelligent young man and an assertion of this character from him has a meaning. That the soldiers we have lost since trouble began are worth more than the whole islands no one will doubt, for the value of human life cannot be estimated in dollars and cents.

In the several matters which will come up in court in the near future in which every citizen of Meade county is interested, it is necessary to have officers who will, without regard for personal interest, take care of the interests of Meade county, that the taxpayers may be cared for and as much money as possible returned to the county treasury. We think Judge Selvidge the proper man for County Attorney, as he has no personal interest, only that all the taxpayers' interests may be looked after. In this matter he needs the co-operation of the Board of County Commissioners, and Mr. Conrad should be retained as Commissioner of the 2nd district. Both Mr. Davis, Republican candidate for County Attorney, and Will Schmoker, candidate for Commissioner, are on Mr. Wiley's bond, and as county officials would hardly feel like prosecuting themselves. We ask the voters to fully consider these matters. As we have repeatedly said, examine them for yourselves, don't take our word. It is a business proposition and you should deal with it as though it were a personal matter with you.

A Letter From the Philippines.

Ibajay, P. I., Aug. 11, 1900.

Mr. John W. Russell,
Meade, Kansas.

Dear Brother—Yesterday I was made to realize that I had a brother in western Kansas who had not entirely forgotten me and I will say it was a very happy realization as it had been so long since we had heard from the states. Since I last wrote you the battalion has changed its headquarters from Jaro to this place, for which I am very glad as this is considered one of the most healthy situations on the island. When we left Jaro we went to a place called Pandan where we stayed for two weeks and then Co. H and the 1st platoon of Co. E. were taken to this place where headquarters were established while Co. G and the 2nd platoon of our company still remain at Pandan. Since we left Jaro April 25, we have had 4 engagements, 3 of which I was in. In the 4 engagements we lost 2 killed and 3 wounded and we put several of the Khakis on the "bum." The two soldiers that were killed were worth the whole islands with all of the inhabitants.

I suppose you think that I should know the exact condition of the fighting element but I do not. Sometimes I think they are going to surrender and then again I do not know what I think or whether I think at all or not. There is no reason why a soldier should not think on any subject for that is about all he is allowed to do without first consulting his superior.

I had almost forgotten to mention the weather which is generally the first subject mentioned when conversing with anyone. We have been experiencing the rainy season for more than a month. Now the water is not 2 feet deep over the entire surface of the island as I expected when I first heard the rainy season spoken of, but we have a very heavy rainfall here from July until the last of October, and were it not for this it would be impossible for the natives to raise the rice they do. As to the temperature, it is no warmer here than in Kansas and we always have a breeze at night which makes it very comfortable to sleep under a blanket. Our duty for the past month has been guard and short patrol. Taking guard according to the company roster, I am on guard every four days. This battalion has a mounted detachment of 30 men of which I am a member and it is much easier riding than on foot.

All the towns of any size have a police force varying in number according to the size of the town. This place has 25 which patrol the town of a night. The government is going to arm and mount 120 scouts from this province which will make the work lighter for the soldiers. We are 15 miles from Pandan where G company is and I get to see Wm. Ellis and Roscoe Griggs quite often and they are well also is Frank Walters.

How do you like the Meade people? I think they are alright. I was never treated so friendly as I was the short time I was there and I feel as though I have friends in Meade who would do anything they could that would benefit my welfare.

S. G. RUSSELL.
Co. E, 44th U. S. V. Inf.
Iloilo, P. I.

Rev. Robinson preached a sermon last Sunday night that should have been heard by every person in Meade. "Temptation" was the subject, but toward the close of the discourse he stated his position on the temperance question, which might have been of interest to a few people whom we know have been criticising Rev. Robinson. He takes the position that so long as a government like the United States issues licences and protects men in selling it that so long it will be sold, and that to stop it you must get at the bottom and work to the top and not start at the top and try to go down. The strict partisan who never scratches his ticket came in for his share of the blame. Rev. Robinson is not on the narrow-gauge track, upon which we find so many ministers, but is broad in all his views, granting every man the right to think as he pleases, but always preaching his honest convictions.

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